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JIM CROW ERA

PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

# JIM CROW LAWS

- **Poll Tax and Literacy Tests**
- **Jim Crow Laws- “Separate but Equal”**
  - **laws that limited freedoms of African Americans**
  - **forced separation in public places for whites and blacks**
- **Increased intimidation and violence**
  - **Lynching**
  - **Rise of the KKK**

## \*African American Issues

- **African Americans looked to the Supreme Court to protect them:**
- ***Plessy v. Ferguson-1896***
  - ***Supreme Court ruled that separate but equal did not violate 14<sup>th</sup> amendment***

# **\*African American Issues**

- **Great Migration-**
  - **Migration of African Americans out of the South and into northern cities in search of jobs and to escape poverty and discrimination in the South**
  - **Greatly impacted by World War I and the demand for labor**

# Important Individuals

- **Ida B. Wells**
  - **Led an anti-lynching campaign/  
investigative  
reporter-called on  
the government to  
take action**

## **\*Important Individuals**

- **\*Booker T. Washington**
  - **Believed in vocational education and equality through economic success**
  - **\*Willing to accept social separation-believed in *GRADUAL*-approach to end segregation**
  - **Founded Tuskegee Institute**

## **\*Important Individuals**

- **W.E.B. DuBois**
  - **Believed that education was meaningless without equality.**
  - **Leader of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**

# \*The Progressive Era (1890-1920)

- *Used government to reform problems created by the Industrial Revolution*
- GOALS:
  - 1. Guaranteed economic opportunities through government regulation*
  - 2. Elimination of social injustices*
  - 3. Government controlled by the people (again)*



# **\*CAUSES OF THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT**

## **EXCESSES OF THE GILDED AGE:**

- **Income Disparity, lavish lifestyles**

# \* CAUSES OF THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

- DANGEROUS WORKING CONDITIONS
- CHILD LABOR
- LONG HOURS. LOW WAGES, NO JOB SECURITY, NO BENEFITS
- COMPANY TOWNS
- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN

# TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST FIRE

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- FIRE IN 1911 IN *TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST FACTORY* IN NEW YORK CITY
- 146 WOMEN KILLED BECAUSE DOORS WERE LOCKED AND THEY COULDN' T ESCAPE
- EXAMPLE OF AN EVENT WHICH LED TO REFORMS IN THE WORKPLACE

# **\*Political Reform from the Progressive Movement**

- **Elections**
  - **Use of the secret ballot**
  - **Primary elections**
  - **17<sup>th</sup> Amendment-direct election of senators**

# Political Reform from the Progressive Movement

- **In state Governments**
  - **Initiative**—law originates with people
  - **Referendum**—proposed law voted on by the people
  - **Recall** –removing public official from office-vote of the people

# \*Political Reform from the Progressive Movement

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- **Local level**
  - **Commissioners and city managers in cities**

# Workplace Reform- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Child labor laws
- Limited work hours
- Regulated work conditions-EX. *The Jungle*-  
Upton Sinclair-led to the *MEAT INSPECTION  
ACT*

# \*Workplace Reform- ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **MUCKRAKERS** –WERE JOURNALISTS WHO EXPOSED THESE ISSUES AND LAWS WERE CHANGED AS A RESULT:



# ECONOMIC REFORM ANTI-TRUST LAWS

- *Sherman Anti-Trust Act-PREVENTS MONOPOLIES (restraint of trade)*
- *Clayton Anti-Trust Act-OUTLAWS PRICE FIXING and EXPANDED ON SHERMAN ANTI-TRUST*

# \* UNION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Growth of Unions
  - ***Knights of Labor*-ACCEPTED SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABOR and ACCEPTED AFRICAN AMERICANS.**
  - ***American Federation of Labor (Samuel Gompers)***

# \* UNION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Growth of Unions
  - *Industrial Ladies' Garment Workers Union (ILGWU)*
  - *American Railway Union (Eugene Debs)-*

# \* UNION STRIKES

- **Strikes:**
- HAYMARKET STRIKE—to protest police brutality against strikers.
- HOMESTEAD STRIKE-Carnegie steel strike against cutting wages.
- PULLMAN STRIKE-against Pullman RR co.-cutting wages.

\* The Progressive Era  
(1890-1920)-PRESIDENTIAL  
PLANS

TEDDY ROOSEVELT' S PROGRESSIVE  
PROGRAM  
CALLED “SQUARE DEAL”

WOODROW WILSON' S PROGRESSIVE  
PROGRAM  
CALLED “NEW FREEDOM”

# Women's Suffrage Movement

- Susan B. Anthony-Elizabeth Cady Stanton strong early leaders
- 19<sup>th</sup> amendment extended right to vote to women in 1920
- Began entering the workforce in larger numbers during World War I
- Forerunner of modern protest movement



**WORLD WAR I would bring  
an end to the  
PROGRESSIVE  
MOVEMENT**